

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS  
WESTERN DISTRICT**

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COMPLETE TITLE OF CASE:

STATE OF MISSOURI,

Respondent

v.

JASON R. LONG.

Appellant

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Appeal From:

Circuit Court of Boone County, MO  
The Honorable Clifford Eugene Hamilton, Jr., Judge

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Appellate Judges:

Division Three: James Edward Welsh, P.J., Mark D. Pfeiffer and Karen King Mitchell, JJ.

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**MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY  
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Boone County

Before Division Three Judges: James Edward Welsh, P.J., Mark D. Pfeiffer and Karen King Mitchell, JJ.

Jason R. Long appeals the circuit court's judgment convicting him of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. He asserts that the circuit court erred in denying his motion to suppress evidence obtained following the stop of his car by police and in admitting this evidence at trial. In particular, Long contends that the search and seizure was unconstitutional because the police were not justified in making an investigatory traffic stop in that the police did not have a reasonable suspicion that he was involved in a criminal activity.

**AFFIRMED.**

**Division Three holds:**

The police had a sufficient reasonable suspicion that Long had engaged in a drug transaction to justify stopping the vehicle for a brief investigation. A police officer witnessed Long engaging in what the officer believed was a hand-to-hand drug transaction in a high drug trafficking and crime area and under circumstances that were particularly suspicious, which according to the officer's training were typical of a drug sale.

**Opinion by: James Edward Welsh, Judge**

February 23, 2010

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